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Letter from Jonathan Stone Whitney, New York, to Edward Whitney, Esq., Boston, Massachusetts, 1842 May 14

Jonathan Stone Whitney

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New York May 14. 1852

Dear Edward

We have rec^d your letter announcing the death of Alexander and regret to say that we are so situated that it will be impossible for either of us to leave New York at this time - James has been confined to ~~his~~ room for some days past with Rheumatism which commenced in his foot ^{about 2 weeks since} and was attended with a slight swelling - this was not very severe, not enough to prevent his being about his business as usual till the beginning of this week when it attacked him in the knee since which he has been confined to his room - we employed a good physician, and now have the satisfaction to believe that he is on the recovery - his pain having entirely left him and his only trouble is, a stiffness in the knee which his physician says will leave him in a week or ten days - he rooms with me on the office and has Peter as a constant attendant, and a better one could not be found as he has had a great deal of experience with the sick - his appetite is good and he sleeps well and I have no doubt but in the course of next week, I can inform you that he is about his business as usual - it would give us

Much satisfaction to show the respect and
affection which we feel for our brother, by attending
the performance of the 'last sad office' — his death
causes us grief without pain and teaches us a lesson
instructive and I hope enduring —

Yrs. Affectionately

John & James

May

May 14 - 1842

Edw^d Whiting Esq. *W*
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Boston



Steamboat

May 1842